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Judging from my mail, the American people are gravely concerned, as I am, about the existence of a Russian satellite station just 100 miles from the United States.

The fiasco of the recent Cuban invasion leaves little to encourage us. We know too little about the background of that operation, but the story is coming out bit by bit. It is stated in Washington and not denied that the Army and State Departments both opposed the invasion at this time.

The role of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) — our spy outfit is not defined, as yet, but some blame that agency for the blunder. Others place the blame squarely at the feet of the President's palace guard of ex-professors, who reportedly urged and demanded the action in the face of opposition from men who know much more about the practical side of military and world affairs.

That chapter is finished and we must look to the future.

It is plain that Cuba is a communist dictatorship. Communist arms and Communist technicians are flowing into the country. Cuba will soon be — if it is not already — a Soviet military and political

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base which will be used to plan and support Red revolution throughout Central and South America.

We dad meet this threat only by firm action backed by a united people. We cannot sit idly by and let the situation go on.

As a start, we propose immediately stop all trading with Cuba from this country. Imports from Cuba totalled today at an annual rate of \$1 million, despite the fact that such trade obviously benefits Castro.

Perhaps we should also consider an air and sea blockade of Cuba. One Congressman has introduced a resolution calling for such a blockade. And last week the House — by a vote of 404 to 2 — passed another resolution calling for stepped-up action against Cuba by the Organization of American States.

There can be no doubt that we must map a realistic program and stick to it. We must place our reliance in those who have the training and experience to deal with matters of this type. Sooner or later, the test we failed last month must come again. That test is whether or not we have the will and courage to meet head-on the challenge of an enemy determined to take over all of Latin America.

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